

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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On Friday, August 21, 2009, we were advised that the California Senate narrowly passed a proposed budget trailer bill which is problematic to law enforcement. At this time, we do not know when the Assembly will vote on this Bill.

Both our Sheriff and District Attorney have communicated their opposition to the portion of the bill which will dramatically affect our local criminal justice system. This would result in excessive delegation of authority as it relates to sentencing criminals.

Further, the impacts will have a major cost impact to local governments throughout California as well as posing a public safety issue for the communities we represent.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five signature letter to the Governor and the Legislature to express support of the issues raised by the Sheriff and the District Attorney, and to express the County’s serious concerns regarding the impact of the alternative custody option for lower-risk offenders that allows for the early release of elderly and infirm inmates with significant health, mental health, and social services needs resulting in further degradation and burden to the County’s safety net and criminal justice systems.

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